

Application No. 10/724,795 Amendment

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the following amended paragraph [0039] for the corresponding pending paragraph [0039] in the Specification as published (Publ. No. 2004/0198146):

[0039] As shown in FIG. 2 flat member 51 has a generally rectangular convoluted perimeter 53 consisting of a first end 52, an opposite second end 54, a first side edge 56, and a second and opposite side edge 58. The perimeter 53 as clearly shown in FIGS. 2, 3A, 3B and 10 defines a V-shaped notch 61 on the first end 52 and a trough-shaped 64 on the second end 54 opposite the V-shaped notch 61. Additionally, the flat member 51 includes a balloon neck-receiving aperture 60 that as clearly shown in FIGS. 2, 3A and 5 is spaced from the perimeter 53 and separate from the V-shaped notch 61, and a balloon neck passage means 63 comprising the V-shaped notch 61 and a slot 62 or slit 162 for communicating the V-shaped notch 61 with the balloon neck-receiving aperture 60. The balloon neck-receiving aperture 60 may be any shape and size that is conducive to positioning stretched balloon neck 34 and particularly neck portion 38 out of alignment with neck passage means 63, that is, with the slit 62 and V-shaped notch 61 as shown. This is further explained in FIG. 3B description below where in addition, the wall of the aperture 60 towards the second end 54 of the flat member 51 includes a tongue portion 70 protruding into neck receiving aperture 60 itself for the purpose of positioning two different portions of the twisted balloon neck 34 given a two passes insertion of the balloon neck into the aperture.